

I am writing **in support of HB 5262**, in support of absentee voting eligibility. I lived in Washington State for 34 years before moving to CT. When WA moved to all mail voting, I was skeptical. But it has proven to be a great success, with negligible fraud and higher voting percentages. There is no reason a person a person should not be allowed to vote by mail.

The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy. Any way to increase access to the voting process should be a priority by the legislature in a free society. Loosening restrictions for absentee voting is a means to that end.

Thank you,

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